

About Us

The Indiana Firefighter Training System (IFTS) was created under the direction of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2006.

The state has been certifying firefighters since 1972 in a variety of categories through the creation of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

With the organization and implementation of the IFTS, local firefighters receive support for foundation certification levels such as Mandatory, Basic, Firefighter I/II, Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I, Safety Officer, Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics. The support is provided through the purchase of books for students to use for training, instructor fees, props and evaluator fees. In addition, a new curriculum was developed that provides firefighters with specific learning objectives for the mandatory curriculum.



For More Information



Firefighter Training and Certification Section

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Indiana Firefighting Training System Success

- 10 training districts organized

Training is being conducted at the local level.

- Increase in the quality of training delivered at the local level



- Infrastructure funding that provides financial support to local communities to enhance firefighter training facilities.

- Curriculum development

- Single book selected for Firefighter I/II testing
- Improved testing processes
- Improved test scores for mandatory from an average of 68% in 2006 to 84.2% in 2008

- \$500,000 in federal funds to purchase training curriculum, equipment, courses for hazardous materials awareness and operations.

- \$150,000 in federal funds for the development of technical rescue awareness curriculum and train-the-trainers across the state. More than 1,200 firefighters trained in this program. A copy of the curriculum and student manuals provided to each fire department in the state.

- Since 2006, more than 1,900 leaders have attended 18 leadership and instructor development presentations across the state.

- Firefighter safety program developed to reduce the injuries and deaths of firefighters.

- More than 46,700 fire service and emergency medical certifications issued since 2006

- 21,000 average per year for 2006-2008
- 15,300 average per year for 2003-2005

- Purchased props at the district level to enhance firefighter's ability to practice skills instead of simulating or not doing the skills at all.

- 40 National Fire Academy courses delivered with more than 900 students attending.

- Development of an electronic certification and recertification process for fire and emergency medical certification.

- 3 years at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland campus with more than 500 Indiana students attending.



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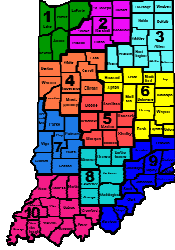


Michael R. Pence
Governor

James L. Greeson
State Fire Marshal

District Firefighter Training

Each of the 10 homeland security districts in the state are awarded funds for firefighter training. The district training councils oversee setting up training programs, assessing training needs, managing training props, and acquiring funds for training programs for the districts. A wide range of training has been offered from basic firefighter training to more advanced courses. Training facilities in each of the districts have been utilized as part of the training programs. Indiana has awarded more than \$2.6 million dollars toward training infrastructure in each district.



State Firefighter Certification Program

The state offers certifications for many firefighter courses. A complete list of certifications, prerequisites, course reference materials and sample tests are available at www.in.gov/dhs/firecertification.htm. The certifications program is governed by the Board of Firefighter Standards and Education. The board outlines the objectives that must be met in each of the courses and any prerequisites that must be met. Anyone wanting fire certifications must have a public safety identification number (PSID) assigned. Indiana also offers International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certifications.

The Certifications Section issued more than 21,000 certifications last year.

IndianaFireTraining.com

Be sure to check out www.indianafiretraining.com for district news, training course announcements, and other important information. Each district has its own web site and you can find your district by clicking on the state map on the web page.



National Fire Academy In-State Training program

Each year the National Fire Academy (NFA) grants funds for off-campus training courses. There are several two-day courses available for the fire service in Indiana. This training is free to the student who will receive an NFA course completion certification. The grant will fund instructors and course material. Along with the in-state training program, Indiana offers a chance for the fire service to experience the NFA during the annual state weekend trip. NFA in-state course announcements can be found on the IDHS training calendar at <https://myoracle.in.gov/hs/training/public/calendar.do>. If you are interested in becoming an NFA in-state instructor, contact the NFA state coordinator at swalters@dhs.in.gov. A complete list of NFA in-state training courses is available at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa.



Technical Rescue Training

Federal grant funds support technical rescue training. The purpose of the funds is to coordinate regional tactical rescue capability. This training is necessary for firefighters to respond to major incidents where operational rescue skills and equipment are necessary to save lives through the support of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security District Task Force System and the Indiana Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Response Plan.

The training was set-up for existing technical rescue teams, and is designed to support a state-wide system of tactical rescue resources available to the State of Indiana. These teams must be able to function for a period up to 24 hours, or until the arrival of United States Search and Rescue (US&R) assets. These technical rescue teams have the capability to respond to natural or man-made disasters, and other incidents such as rope, confined space, trench rescue and structural collapse.



Mobile Live Fire Trainer

The mobile live fire trainer has been a huge success in Indiana. More than 2,500 firefighters were trained in the first year the trainer was on the road. The trainer creates smoke to reduce visibility and enhance the training opportunity. The fiery interior can reach temperatures of 800 degrees which creates a realistic fire/heat scenario.

The interior has movable walls that create several configurations for search and rescue training. The second story can be used to simulate a second story search or a basement fire scenario.



Mobile Hazardous Material Trainer

The mobile hazardous materials trainer has unique training capability for first responders at events where a hazardous materials release has occurred. This trainer is not a simulator, but creates a realistic training scenario with water or air being released through a variety of fractured containers, valves and piping. This trainer has a rail car on the top for leaking rail car scenarios, leaking natural gas piping, leaking industrial piping system, confined space prop, leaking propane tank with fire, flammable liquid spill with fire, chlorine valve leaking, electrical transformer fire and tank car domes. Curriculum is developed by IFTS staff to facilitate the training program and provide a realistic hands-on training experience.

